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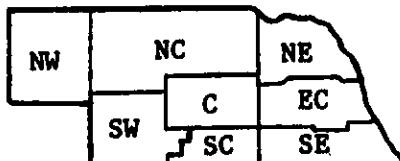
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WEATHER

Normal temperatures varied from one degree above normal in the northwest up to nine degrees above in the east central. Precipitation occurred the last two days of the period with amounts averaging around a half inch.

GENERAL

Row crop harvest was nearly complete across the State, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Excellent drying weather conditions during the week helped crops to dry down and allowed an average of 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork through Friday. Many farmers were doing fall tillage operations and applying fall fertilizer after finishing with row crop harvests. The sugar beet harvest was nearly complete in the Panhandle, allowing corn harvest to get into full swing. Southeastern operators report some fall seeded alfalfa fields have been lost due to the heat and drought conditions.

Topsoil moisture was 89% short and 11% adequate. Subsoil moisture was 85% short and 15% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture was 71% short and 29% adequate, while subsoil moisture was 86% short and 14% adequate.

CROPS

Corn harvest was 90% complete compared with 90% last year and 77% average. Harvest was least advanced in the West and Southwest, where sugar beet and dry edible bean harvests took priority earlier. High winds caused some field losses in the Panhandle. High drying costs were delaying harvest in some areas as growers wait for the crop to dry down in the fields.

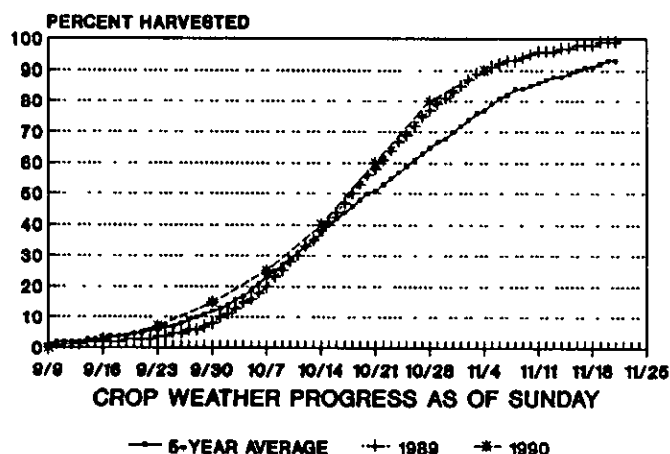
Sorghum harvest was 97% complete compared with 93% last year and 87% average. Harvest lagged somewhat in the North and Southwest.

Winter wheat condition was 9% poor, 39% fair, and 52% good. The dry conditions have slowed growth and development of the crop. Many fields had spotty stands and were showing stress. Weekend snows in the west and light rains in the east and south should improve the crop condition this week.

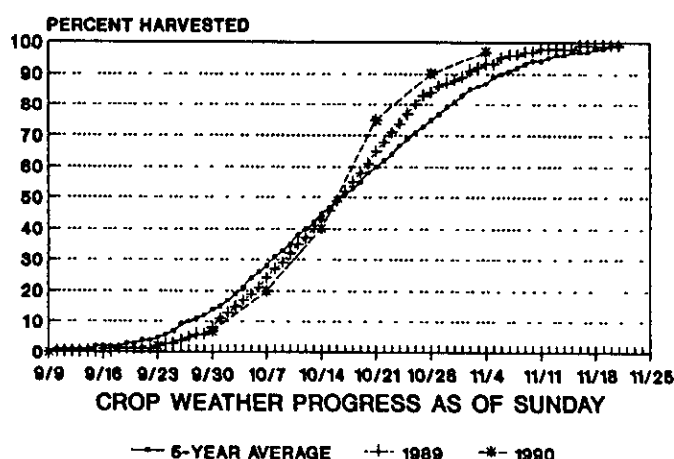
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range conditions were 13% very poor, 39% poor, 34% fair, and 14% good. Most cattle have been moved to harvested fields or dry lots. Calves were being weaned and were beginning to move to market. Operators were moving hay after they finished row crop harvest.

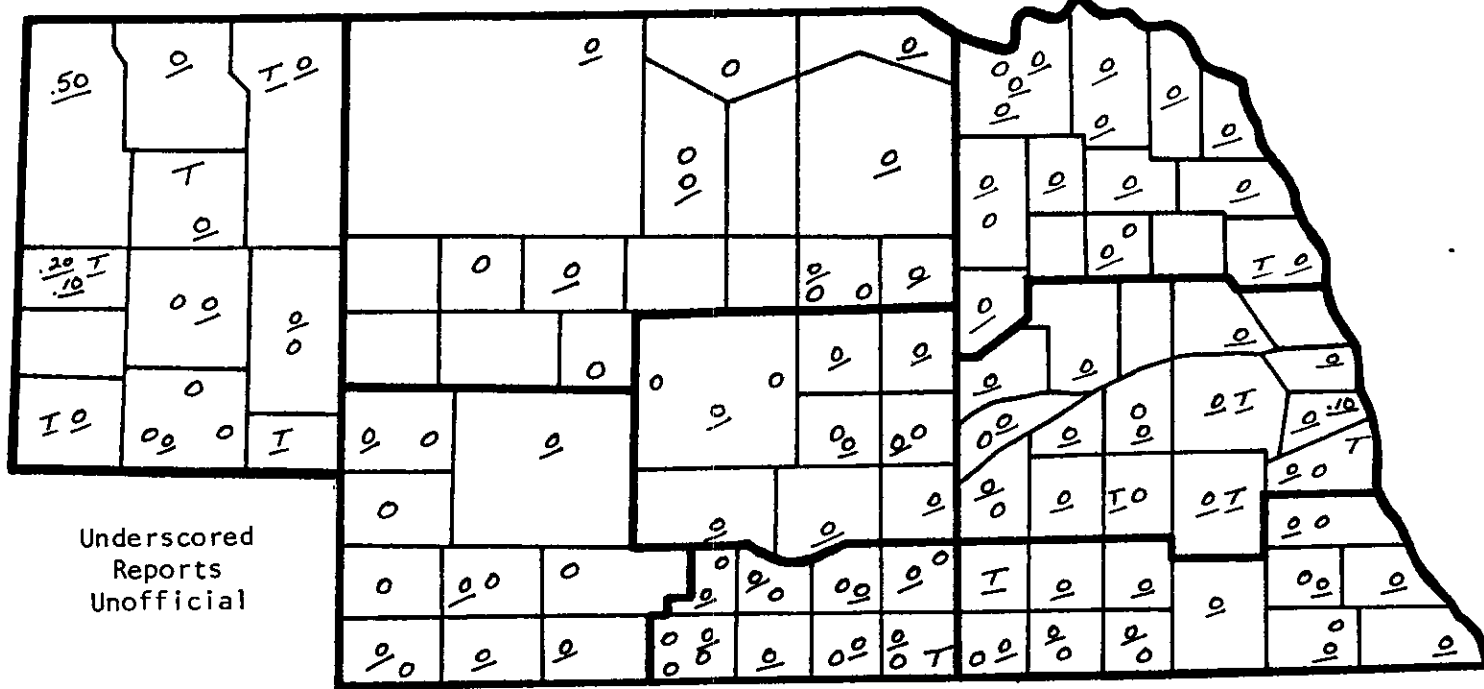
NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1990



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1990

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	83	11	47	---	---
	Scottsbluff	80	8	43	+1	.47
	Sidney	---	---	---	---	---
NC	Ord	81	20	48	---	.54
	Valentine	81	12	46	+5	.40
NE	Norfolk	79	25	50	+6	.58
	Sioux City	80	27	47	+3	.52
CEN	Grand Island	81	28	51	+6	.60
EC	Lincoln	82	34	55	+9	.65
	Omaha	81	31	55	+9	.72
SW	Imperial	---	---	---	---	---
	North Platte	84	11	46	+4	.47

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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